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Page 24, reference numeral 16, after "article for measuring" insert
--unused--.

Page 25, first paragraph, fifth-sixth line down, after "process of
gargling with a specified" insert --sampling--.

Page 25, first paragraph, sixth line down, change "resulting fluid"
to --retrieved sampling liquid 10--.

CLAIMS: Cancel all claims of record and substitute new Claims 40
through 52 as follows.

40. A method for obtaining and analyzing a liquid sample for
diagnosis of a condition of interest of the pharynx of a
human, comprising:

- (a) having said human gargle with a measured amount of a fully
characterized sampling liquid, causing said sampling
liquid to be in contact with the lower aspects of the
pharynx of said human;
- (b) retrieving said sampling liquid for analysis by having
said human tilt the head down over a collection container,
opening the mouth, and allowing the sampling liquid to
exit the open mouth, via gravity, directly into the
collection container; and
- (c) at the time of said retrieving, analyzing said retrieved
sampling liquid in said collection container for
the condition of interest,
whereby the potential for contamination of said sampling
liquid by contents of the oral cavity or mouth is minimized,
whereby said analysis is performed without transfer of
said liquid sample from said collection container, and
whereby said analysis provides rapid results.